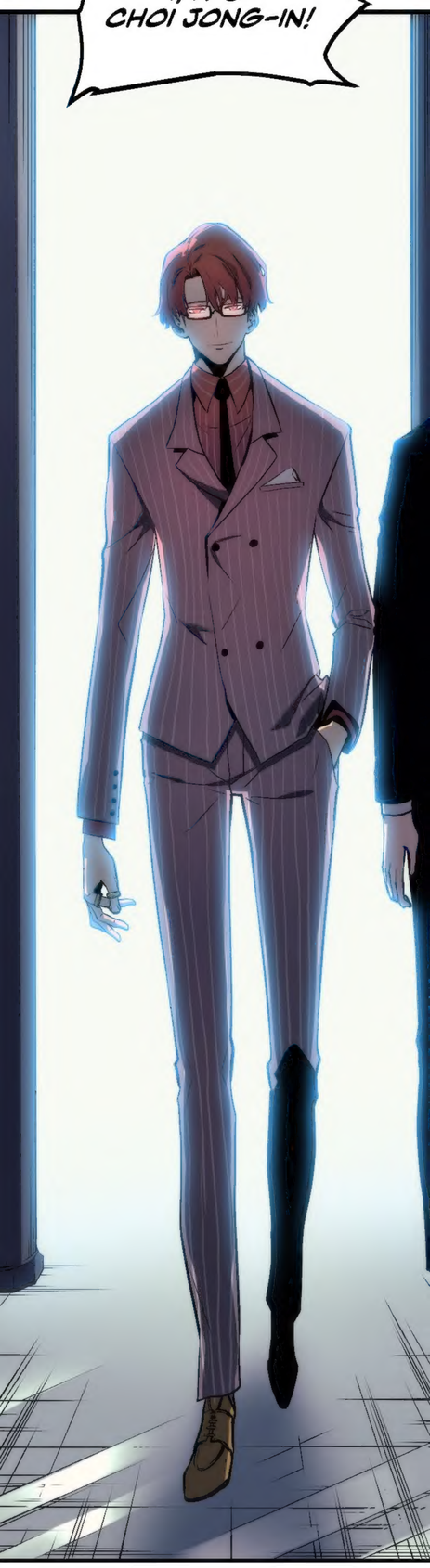
HE'S THE MASTER OF KOREA'S FINEST GUILD,

THE "HUNTERS"!!

I, IT'S CHOI JONG-IN!



WHAT IS "THE ULTIMATE HUNTER" DOING HERE?!

CHOI JONG-IN
(S-RANK)
MASTER OF THE
HUNTERS GUILD

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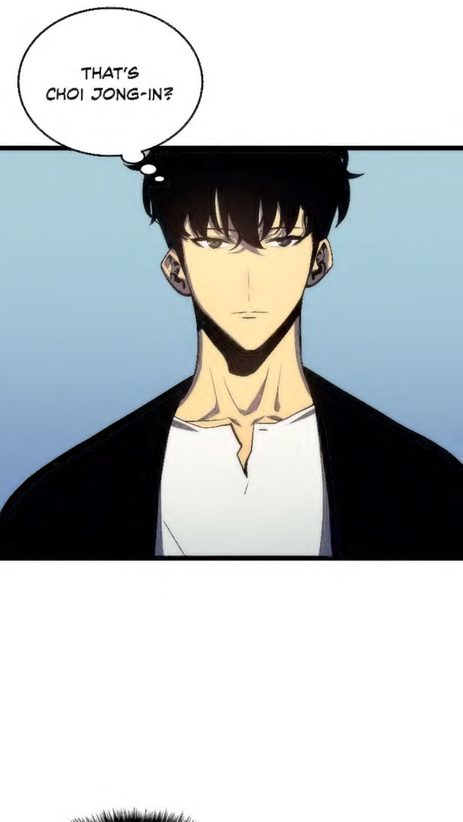

HE'S THE BEST WIELDER OF FIRE-TYPE MAGIC.

I HEARD HE CAN DESTROY AN ENTIRE BUILDING USING A SINGLE SPELL.

PEOPLE CALL HIM "THE ULTIMATE HUNTER."

MY NICKNAME WAS BASED ON HIS.
HAHA...

IS THAT GUY SET TO JOIN THE HUNTERS GUILD?
WHISPER
DID THEY ALREADY KNOW ABOUT HIM?
I GUESS THAT'S WHY THEY'RE THE BEST GUILD IN KOREA...
WHISPER
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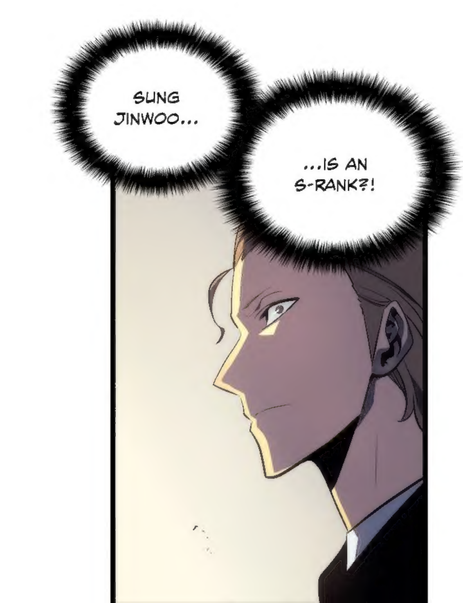
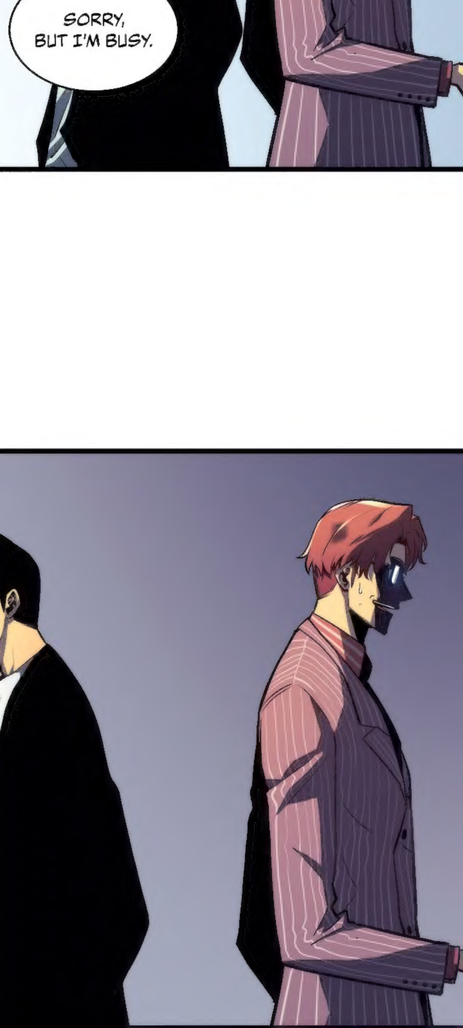
THE GUILD MASTER CAME HIMSELF...?
WHISPER


SUNG JINWOO...
...IS AN S-RANK?!

EVERYONE HERE IS TALKING ABOUT THE ERROR MESSAGE AND THIS HUNTER'S MANA LEVELS. OF COURSE I OVERHEARD...
SO IS HE KOREA'S 10TH S-RANK HUNTER...?

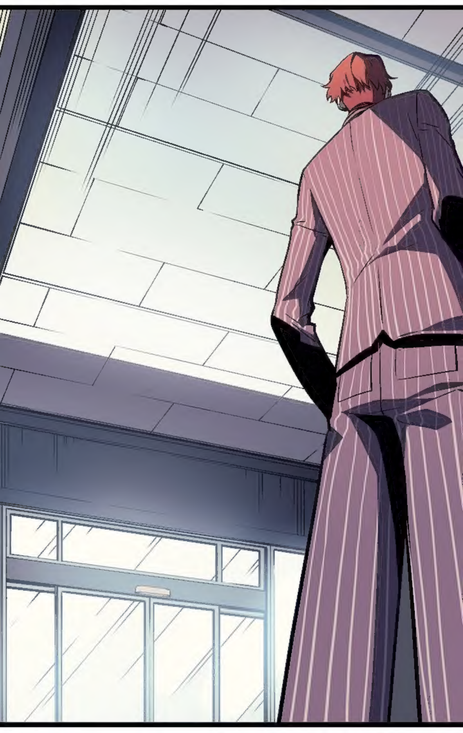
THE ASSOCIATION WON'T NEED TO BORROW ANOTHER MANA METER.
HE'S UNDOUBTEDLY ONE OF THE STRONGEST.
THERE'S NO NEED TO WAIT THREE DAYS FOR HIS RESULTS.

HELLO. I'M CHOI JONG-IN, THE MASTER OF THE HUNTERS GUILD.
PARDON ME FOR ASKING, BUT...
I SEE THAT YOU'VE JUST BEEN EVALUATED. DO YOU ALREADY HAVE A GUILD YOU'RE INTERESTED IN JOINING?


IF NOT, I'D LIKE TO DISCUSS AN OPPORTUNITY WITH YOU. DO YOU HAVE A FEW MINUTES?
STEP
SORRY, BUT I'M BUSY.

WHAT THE?
DID HE JUST TURN DOWN CHOI JONG-IN?
THE RE-EVALUATION IS IN THREE DAYS...
STEP
STEP
THERE'S SO MUCH I HAVE TO GET DONE UNTIL THEN.
FIRST, I NEED TO HURRY UP AND GET TO THE DEMONS' CASTLE TO MAKE THAT ANTIDOTE.
MR. WOO.
DID I FORGET TO INTRODUCE MYSELF TO HIM?

PERHAPS I DIDN'T TRY HARD ENOUGH...

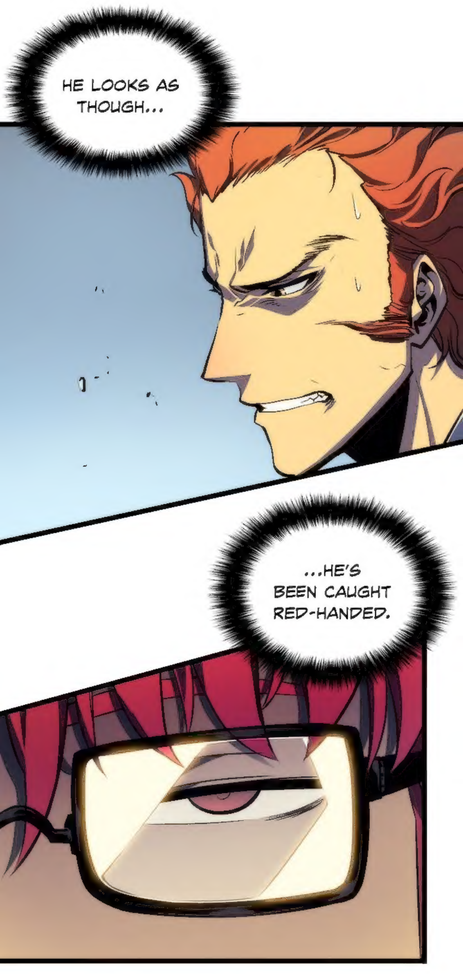


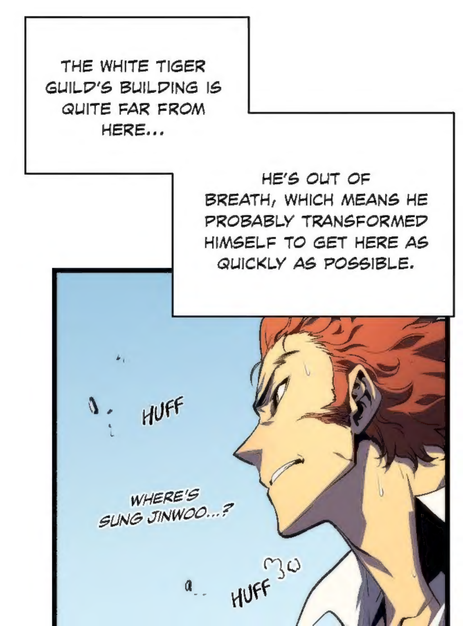
HE MUST BE AN EXCEPTIONAL ASSASSIN-TYPE HUNTER.

IF I RECRUIT HIM, THERE WILL BE THREE S-RANK HUNTERS IN OUR GUILD.

THAT WOULD MAKE US NOT ONLY THE STRONGEST GUILD IN KOREA, BUT ALSO ONE OF THE STRONGEST IN THE WORLD.

CHOI JONG-IN?
WHAT'S BAEK YOONHO DOING HERE...?


HE LOOKS AS THOUGH...
...HE'S BEEN CAUGHT RED-HANDED.


THE WHITE TIGER GUILD'S BUILDING IS QUITE FAR FROM HERE...
HE'S OUT OF BREATH, WHICH MEANS HE PROBABLY TRANSFORMED HIMSELF TO GET HERE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.
HUFF
WHERE'S SUNG JINWOO...?
HUFF

I SEE, SO BAEK YOONHO KNEW ALL ALONG.
HE KNEW THIS WOULD HAPPEN.

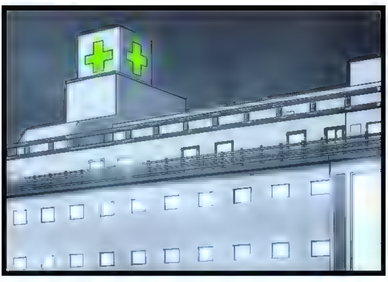
...COULD IT BE?
THE ACCIDENT THAT OCCURRED DURING TRAINING...
THE MYSTERIOUS HUNTER WHO HELPED THE SURVIVORS...

BAEK YOONHO DIDN'T JUST LET HIM GO.

HE COULDN'T STOP HIM.

UGH, WHY DID THAT SNAKE HAVE TO FIND OUT?
C-RANK! I'M A C-RANK!
TSK

THINGS JUST GOT MORE COMPLICATED.



I FEEL
LIKE YOU'RE JUST
GOING TO OPEN YOUR
EYES AS IF NOTHING
HAPPENED...

ETERNAL SLUMBER.

THE INABILITY TO REGAIN CONSCIOUSNESS.

IT'S AN ILLNESS THAT EMERGED AFTER THE APPEARANCE OF GATES.

I'LL SAVE YOU.

PLEASE JUST HANG IN THERE A LITTLE LONGER.

I NEED TO BECOME EVEN STRONGER.

RATTLE

Nurse

I'LL CONTINUE TO LEVEL UP AS I CLEAR THE FLOORS, BUT THE MID-LEVEL BOSS WAS PRETTY HARD TO DEFEAT,

WHICH MEANS THE BOSS AT THE TOP FLOOR WILL BE A DIFFICULT OPPONENT.

WERE YOU THE ONE...
...WHO DEFEATED ALL THE BEASTS INSIDE THE DOUBLE DUNGEON?

I ALWAYS THOUGHT I HAD A GOOD EYE FOR TALENT, BUT YOU'VE PROVEN ME WRONG.

WE KEEP RUNNING INTO EACH OTHER, MR. WOO.

THE MAIN RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SURVEILLANCE TEAM IS NOT TO FIGHT BEASTS, BUT TO MANAGE HUNTERS.
IN OTHER WORDS, OUR JOB IS TO KEEP AN EYE ON HUNTERS AND PUNISH THOSE WHO BREAK THE LAW.

I DON'T WANT ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE SURVEILLANCE TEAM.
OUR EXISTENCE IS THE ONLY THING THAT KEEPS HUNTERS IN CHECK.

THOUGH WE'RE PRETTY MUCH USELESS AGAINST S-RANKS...

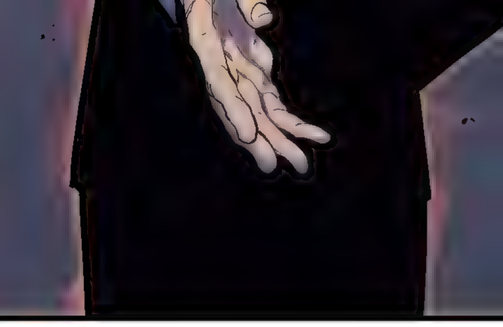
THERE'S SOMEONE WHO'D LIKE TO MEET YOU, MR. SUNG.
PLEASE COME WITH ME.

IT'S THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HUNTER'S ASSOCIATION, GO GUNHEE.
HE'S HERE TO MEET YOU.

STEP
STEP

THAT'S THE CHAIRMAN...?

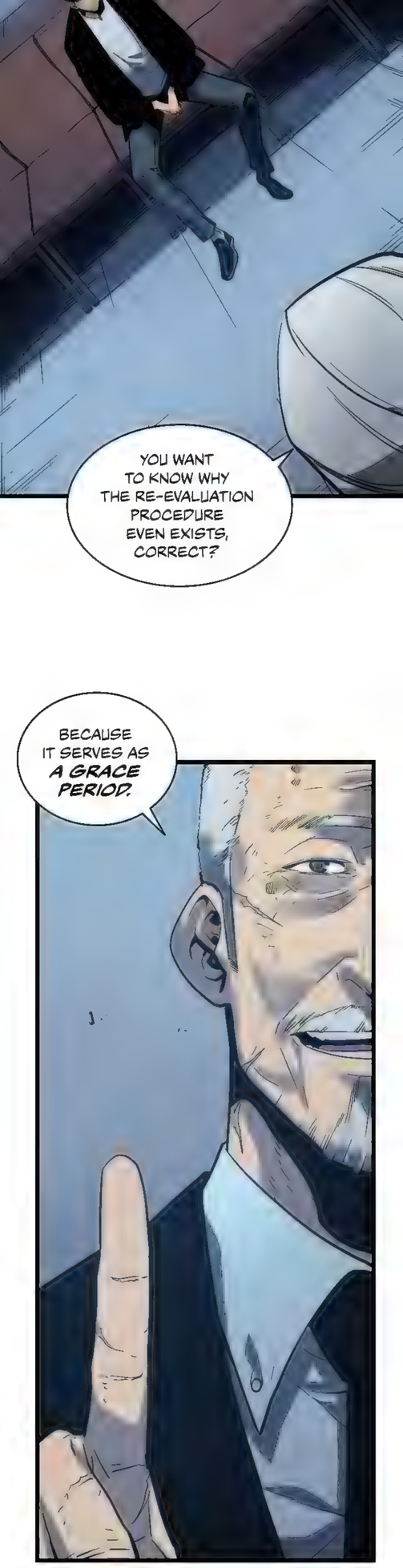
MR. SUNG JINWOO?
IT'S A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU. MY NAME IS GO GUNHEE.



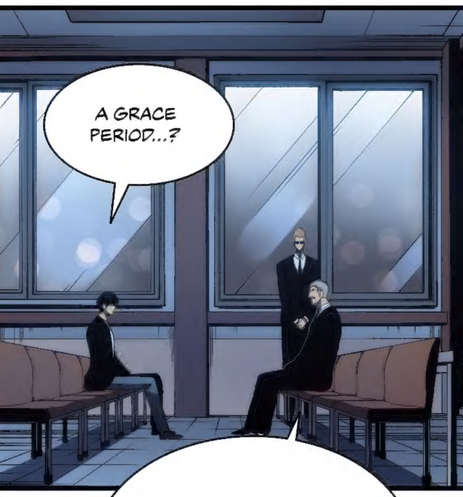
LET'S SIT DOWN AND HAVE A CHAT.

EVEN THOUGH HE'S OVER 80 YEARS OLD, HE HAS THE BODY OF A RETIRED WRESTLER.
AND TO TOP IT OFF, HE'S AN S-RANK.
HE'S THE REAL DEAL.
CONGRATULATIONS ON BECOMING AN S-RANK HUNTER.

I STILL HAVE TO BE RE-EVALUATED.
TO BE HONEST, RE-EVALUATING YOUR RANK WON'T REALLY MEAN ANYTHING.
THE ADVANCED MANA METER MERELY BREAKS DOWN THE EVALUATION RESULTS.
IT CAN'T ACTUALLY MEASURE THE MANA LEVELS OF SOMEONE WHOSE LEVELS EXCEED THE RANGE.
IF THE METER WERE CAPABLE OF MEASURING THE FULL RANGE, YOUR RESULTS WOULD'VE SHOWN UP AS "SS-RANK" OR "SSS-RANK."
HOWEVER, NO MATTER HOW MANY S'S ARE ADDED, THE RESULTS STILL WON'T BE AN ACCURATE MEASURE OF YOUR POWERS.
THEN WHY...?


YOU WANT TO KNOW WHY THE RE-EVALUATION PROCEDURE EVEN EXISTS, CORRECT?


BECAUSE IT SERVES AS A GRACE PERIOD.




YES, SO THAT WE CAN MEET WITH INDIVIDUALS SUCH AS YOURSELF, MR. SUNG.

AS YOU KNOW, THERE AREN'T MANY EXCEPTIONAL HUNTERS IN THE ASSOCIATION SUCH AS MR. WOO HERE, DESPITE THE SIZE OF THE ORGANIZATION.

WHO WOULD WANT TO JOIN THE ASSOCIATION WHEN MAJOR GUILDS PROMISE THEIR HUNTERS FAME AND FORTUNE?

ELITE HUNTERS OF THE MAJOR GUILDS ARE WELL KNOWN, SO MANY PEOPLE CAN RECITE THEIR NAMES.

HOWEVER, NOT MANY KNOW THE NAME "WOO JINCHUL,"

EVEN THOUGH HE IS A TOP CLASS A-RANKER.

WE'VE TWEAKED THE PROCESS A BIT IN ORDER TO MEET WITH HUNTERS WHO HAVE BEEN AWAKENED WITH EXTRAORDINARY POWERS.

SO THAT'S WHAT THE RE-EVALUATION IS FOR?
THERE'S MUCH MORE TO ALL THIS, BUT LET ME CUT TO THE CHASE.

WE ARE NOT A CORPORATION. THEREFORE, WE CAN'T PROMISE YOU A LOT OF MONEY.
HOWEVER,
I'LL BE ABLE TO HELP YOU IN OTHER WAYS.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT...?

WHAT I MEAN IS,

To Be Continued...

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